



Diana Little, left, chats with foreign exchange students Antinio Budia, Roland Ritter, Vernena Bartsch and Andres Alvarez at Central United Methodist Church Sunday.

Exchange students bring international flavor to KM

Five foreign exchange students bring an international flavor to the campus of Kings Mountain High School this year and speak a variety of languages.

Four of the students compared notes on what they liked about Kings Mountain at Central United Methodist Church Sunday with Diana Little, who was instrumental in placing them in homes for their years' stay as juniors at Kings Mountain High School.

Roland Ritter, of Germany, resides with the Methodist pastor and his wife and invited the visitors to attend the Methodist youth group of which he has become active.

Antinio Budia, of Spain, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rochford at 102 Lucky Strike Drive.

Andres Felipe Alvarez of Columbia, South America resides

with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bell at 501 Garrison Drive.

Vereena Bartsch of Germany resides with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goforth.

Monique Bakker of Holland resides with Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hunt, 114 Whetstone Road.

Roland likes tennis and plays saxophone in the band. His favorite after-school activities are football and sports. This is his first visit to the United States. He says he finds Kings Mountain students very friendly. He also speaks Russian.

Antinio, who has studied English five years, is on his second visit to the States. He likes soccer.

Vereena swims and is a member of the marching band. She also speaks French and has studied English four years. This is her first trip to America.

Are they homesick? Only for club activities in which they were involved in their home communities and schools.

Since school just begun, all hope to join campus clubs and meet more young people through church activities.

Pizza is a popular food for the visitors. They were hoping pizza was the menu for Sunday night supper.

Mrs. Little says the various languages pose little problems, since all four students have had 3-5 years of English.

The young people admit the English language is much different from what they learn in books. "We aren't up on your slang yet," said Andres who speaks Spanish as well as English.

School year moving along rapidly

Several tidbits today:

As always, the school year moves rapidly along. The first grading period ends on October 19, and report cards will be going home the next week, on Thursday, October 29. This time of year is an excellent time to make contacts with teachers to see how students are doing. If you are the parent of one of our students and have not yet talked directly with your child's teacher(s), let me encourage you to do that soon. We want to keep the lines of communication open to our families. Conferences held now can go a long way toward preventing problems later in the year. We're grateful that turnouts for our PTO meetings and open houses held so far this year have been outstanding. That's a great way to start toward a goal of staying in closer touch.

Elementary parents need to be observant as we introduce new report card formats for Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grades, and 3rd-5th grades. Explanatory letters will be going home regarding these changes, and many schools have already held informational meetings for parents. The revised report cards were developed by a group of teachers and reviewed by all our elementary instructional personnel and several parents. They are designed to more accurately reflect our students' performance on the new state curriculum. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions after receiving the first report card.

I hope you have already notice the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce has formed an Education Committee. It is becoming increasingly important to the business community and the school system that they work more cooperatively in order to effectively prepare students for the world of work which awaits them after high school graduation. It is hoped that this committee can be a vehicle for providing the Kings Mountain business community with accurate information about the needs of our school system and for giving our businesses a way in which they can support the system's efforts. Chamber president Ruby Alexander has been the key person in establishing this committee which will function under the able leadership of Glee Bridges. Our thanks to both of them.

Hats off to the teachers in our multi-age program at Grover Elementary School who were recently awarded a grant of \$35,945.00 to further develop our elementary foreign language program in their classroom. Our teachers and assistants in this program are off to a terrific start as we continue to search for better ways to teach our children.

We have had a few personnel changes since the beginning of the year. These changes are always hardest

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Superintendent
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on the children but are often unavoidable. Some of our teacher assistants received offers of teaching positions from other systems, and they certainly cannot be blamed for accepting those. Two or three other folks decided that they needed a career change at this time. Our assistant superintendent for personnel, Ronnie Wilson, and our principals have done a great job of quickly finding qualified, capable people to fill these vacant positions. I hope the staff now in place will be quite stable.

Soon we will dedicate the new West Elementary School facility and the expanded media center at North Elementary School. Those projects complete the first phase of our building program. Now we move to other needed projects which are substantial in expense but not as demanding as projects in our first phase. Examples include additional major roof repairs, paving projects, the expansion of our computer assisted learning project, and the renovation of Central School for use as our central office. The Board of Education will review recommendations in the coming months for how we proceed. As long as we continue to receive our current share of sales tax redistribution proceeds from the county, we can make good progress on these needs. Even with that, it will take several years to complete what we face. Many of these projects are \$100,000.00 or more in cost.

Finally, a tip of the hat to all of our employees for their outstanding efforts at getting our school year off to a good start. Their jobs are very difficult, but I believe they do them very well. They are constantly looking for ways to improve our services to you, the community. Thanks to them, a quality education awaits any student in our school system who really desires it. My sincerest appreciation goes to each person who is an employee of the Kings Mountain District School.

It takes a lot of people to turn a child into an adult. We seek your help at all times. Please let us know when we can serve you more effectively.

Ely earns honors as AP Scholar

Alexandra Kaye Ely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ely and a freshman at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, is the only student from Kings Mountain High School in the Class of '92 who earned honors as an AP Scholar with Honor by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement.

Ely qualified for the honor by earning grades of 3 or above on four or more AP examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.25.

Only about 11 percent of the 388,000 student who took the advanced placement examinations in May 1992 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. The College Board recognizes three levels of achievement—the AP Scholar with Distinction, the AP Scholar with Honor and the AP Scholar.



ALEXANDRA ELY

At NCSU Ely is a member of the Marching Band and the clogging team.

Elliott is KMMS Teacher of Month

Kings Mountain Middle School's Teacher of the Month has been a classroom teacher 10 years.

Carol Elliott says she enjoys teaching "because I love learning new things and watching the growth both intellectually and socially in my students. It's fun working with such a great faculty and staff."

Elliott says she loves doing bulletin boards and her students share the excitement in preparing them.

Elliott, a seventh grade Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, was selected by the faculty as September's Teacher of the Month.

The Elliott family includes



CAROL ELLIOTT

her husband, Chuck; and two daughters, Donna, 28; and Beth, 26.



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ENJOY APPLE TREATS - Students in Brenda Wright's and Maxine Williams' kindergarten class at Bethware School enjoy apple treats to celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day recently. Johnny Appleseed's mother (Nan Jean Grant) visited the second grade classrooms of Richa Clark and Judy Bowen, the third grade students of Julienne Hambright and Betty Moss, and other classes.

CC elects directors

The Cleveland Community College Foundation, a non-profit organization that solicits tax-deductible, private support for the college, recently elected Allen Fraley, Lavon Laye, Dr. John Reynolds, Dr. Steven Skorman, Cleve Spangler and Mike Wright as new directors.

Current officers of the 18-member volunteer board of community and business leaders are William E. Plowden Jr., chairman; H. Dean Garver, vice-chairman; Cleve Spangler, secretary; and Stuart LeGrand, treasurer.

Other directors are David S. Banks, Rosalyn Gilliatt, Kathleen Hamrick, Joe Miller, Al Morrow, Marilyn Neisler and Robert W. Yelton. Ex officio members are John F. Schenck III, chairman of the college board of trustees, and Dr. L. Steve Thornburg, president of the college.

This year the Foundation established an annual Excellence in Teaching Award in which recipients are given a stipend to be used for professional development and/or instructional enhancement. Barbara C. Taylor was 1992 recipient.

The primary focus of the Foundation is to raise endowed scholarships. To get more information on endowed scholarships, planned giving, memorials, and special events, etc. contact Dr. Dottie McIntyre, executive director of the Foundation, 484-4025.

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Tosheen Saba Peters

Parents: Naushaba P. and Ernest Peters

Honors: Beta Club, Honor Roll, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, National Honor Society, Jr. Marshall, Career Exploration Clubs of NC, Project Strengthen, Catechism Award, Perfect Attendance, Academic Awards Banquet, Candidate for NC schools diploma

Clubs and Activities: CECNC, Parliamentarian, Spanish Club, Science Club

Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Playing pool, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis

Community: Community clean-up projects, picked up litter and cleaned golf course

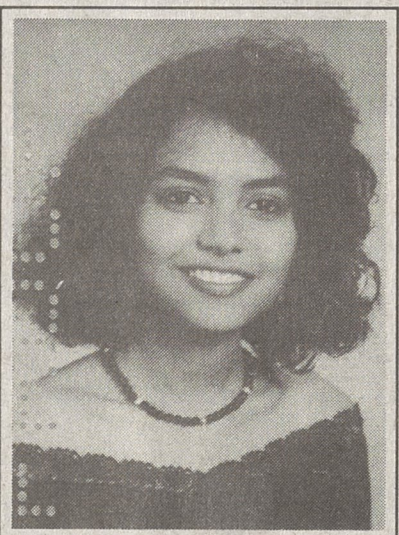
Church: Boyce Memorial ARP Church, choir, youth group, catechism, retreats to Bonclarken, fund raisers

Hobbies: Reading, Writing Letters, Maintaining Pakistani Culture, Cooking, Investigating Pre-med Programs

Educational Plans: 4 year university - UNC, Chapel Hill; ECU, Pre-Med; Major: Biology, Minor: Chemistry

Career Goal: Surgeon

Employment: Taco Bell, Hardee's



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